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Shanghai hosts world's biggest exposition

189 countries taking part in 6-month display of ideas, culture, technology

AFP, Shanghai

Shanghai kicked off the six-month World Expo yesterday with a star-studded gala ceremony set to end in a lavish blaze of fireworks and light along the city's riverfront.

Still basking in the glow of its successful staging of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, China is treating the Expo as an equally important showcase for its growing political and economic clout.

From the United States to North Korea, a total of 189 countries will take part in the six-month display of ideas, culture and technology expected to attract at least 70 million visitors -- the vast majority of them Chinese.

"Expo 2010 Shanghai is now open!" Chinese President Hu Jintao declared, after the national anthem rang out in the Expo cultural centre and the flags of all participating countries were

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Maldives President Mohammed Nasheed exchanges views with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during an hour-long stopover at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka yesterday afternoon. Nasheed's wife Laila Ali Abdulla, left, is also present there.

Top outlaw killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenaidah

A leader of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouj was killed in a 'shootout' between his cohorts and police in Shaikokupa upazila of Jhenaidah early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Gias Uddin, 38, son of Afjal Khan of Baroihuda village in Shaikokupa upazila.

Gias was second-in-command of the outlawed party.

Officer-in-charge Anwar Hossain of Shaikokupa Police Station said some operatives of Gono Mukti Fouj, led by top cadre Shuknal, was holding a clandestine meeting in a field of Bagura village.

On information, police rushed to the spot and

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7 BCL men hurt in JU infighting

A CORRESPONDENT, JU

At least seven activists of Jahangirnagar University unit Bangladesh Chhatra League were injured in a factional clash Thursday night over congratulating pro-Awami League panel Muktijuddher Swapakker Shakti for its success in April 29 senate poll.

Of the injured two were identified as SM Shamim and Samiul Bashir Sami. Both of

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T20 WORD CUP BEGINS Bangladesh face Pakistan today

AFP, Gros Islet

Pakistan will look to bounce back from an embarrassing warm-up loss to Zimbabwe when they begin the defence of their World Twenty20 title against Bangladesh here today. It says much about what

has happened to Pakistan cricket in the intervening months since they beat Sri Lanka in the 2009 World Twenty20 final at Lord's that a defeat by Bangladesh this weekend is not unthinkable. Against Zimbabwe, it says much about what

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Kuril flyover work starts tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the construction work of the 3.1-kilometre Kuril flyover tomorrow that connects the capital with Purbachal New Town.

On March 1, the cabinet purchase committee led by Finance Minister AMA Muhith approved the tender proposal of the flyover at a cost of around Tk 153 crore.

The construction is scheduled to complete in two years

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Country's 1st solar panel assembling plant opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first-ever solar panel assembling plant in the country was launched in Savar yesterday to make solar panels available on the local market at a competitive price.

Solar panels, assembled at the plant, are expected to hit the market in a month.

The plant set up by local company Electro Solar Power Ltd (ESPL) is capable of assembling solar panels with a production capacity of 10-megawatt electricity a year, said company officials.

Prime Minister's Adviser on energy affairs

Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury inaugurated the plant at Ashulia in Savar. Syed Manzur Elahi, former adviser to a caretaker government, was also present there.

"It's a positive initiative. Such ventures will facilitate the country's economic development," said Tawfiq.

He said the ESPL's initiative would support the government's goal of meeting a part of the electricity demand through green energy.

The government aims to meet 5 percent of the country's energy demand through green energy by 2015 and 10 percent by 2020.

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3 children, Italian killed in road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A road accident yesterday killed three children and an Italian national at Surma Tea Garden area on Dhaka-Sylhet highway.

The deceased were identified as Francisco Mario, 40, Khadiza, 10, daughter of Hasan Ali of Hatuapara village, Panna, 7, and her brother Kala Mia, 5, children of Amir Ali of Rasulpur village under

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সকল ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ, পৌরসভা, সিটি কর্পোরেশন ও ক্যান্টনমেন্ট বোর্ড জন্ম ও মৃত্যু নিবন্ধন করে থাকে।

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Police foil Jamaat rally in Pabna

Ban imposed as Jamaat, BCL call meetings at same venue

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The district administration yesterday imposed section 144 in Pabna municipality as Jamaat-e-Islami and Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jubo League called meetings at the same Pabna Town Hall venue.

The section 144, which prohibits assembly of five or more persons, holding of public meetings, and carrying of firearms, was imposed from 8:00am to 8:00pm in the municipality to avert untoward situation.

Jamaat activists then organised their meeting at Rajapur village -- outside Pabna municipality -- around 9:00am but police asked them to move from there too. On denial of the Jamaat activists, police charged truncheons to disperse the activists.

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Yes (91.4%)
 No (7.3%)
 No Comments (1.3%)

Total votes: 315

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think all illegal billboards will be removed following the High Court directive?

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Prayer Timing

May 1

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-31	6-35
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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